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SPECIAL HEALTH SCHEME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a nation-wide campaign named 'Vridhajana Swasthaya Sanrakshan' under the Ayurvedic and the Siddha systems of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives and programmes under the Scheme;

(c) the details of funds likely to be spent by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make this Scheme a success?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir.A National Campaign on Ayurveda and Siddha for Geriatric Health Care has been launched for mainstreaming of strengths of these Systems.The main objective of the Campaign is to sensitize the policy makers,and practitioners of various Systems of Medicine working at primary, secondary and tertiary health care and general public about Ayurveda and Siddha based Geriatric Health Care.

The following programmes and steps have been taken under the campaign :-

i) a National Workshop having participants of policy makers, Ayurveda/Siddha/Allopathy experts, academicians, practitioners, researchers and NGOs.This Workshop has been held on 23-24 January, 2008.

ii) dissemination of the messages across the country to mainstream the strength of Ayurveda/Siddha for Geriatric Health Care through State/District Campaigns.

iii) State level Workshop by State Governments in association with Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) as nodal body.

iv) involvement of Ayurveda/Siddha colleges located in State capitals in the Campaign.

v) organization of District level workshops

vi) Re-orientation Training Programme (ROTP) and Continued Medical Education (CME) courses for Geriatric care through Ayurveda and Siddha.

An amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs has been incurred for the purpose.Adequate funds have been earmarked to support the State Governments for organizing state and district level campaigns.